#### **NEW YORK MANNERS.**

New York Mail and Express. The fashion of employing musical and other talent for the entertainment of guests in private houses is growing very largely. Sometimes queer things happen at these entertainments. For example, one night last week one of the best known opera singers in town was invited to sing at an atter dinner company in a beautiful mansion on Fifth avenue. Her engagement was to sing three songs, and the price paid was liberal indeed. Her arrival caused a flutter of excitement, for she is a beautiful woman. Her first song was received with rapturous applause. After an interval of about fifteen minutes she sang again and made another decided impression. Then came the third and last song. The singer was standing near the piano. The host was seated a dozen feet away. All was expectation. The singer added new glory to her fame by the exquisite rendering of a charming song, and while she was still bowing her acknowledgments of the applause the host was seen to rise, pull a check book out of his pocket, walk over to the piano and with a fountain pen make out a check for the lady's scrvices. This he handed her in a most business-like way, bowed very politely, took her by the hand, thanked her for coming and begged her to retire at once. The singer was very much mortified at this treatment and haughtly returned the check, saying, "You may send me that to-morrow, I do not care for it now!"

"Allow me to escort you from the room," said the host.
"You need not trouble," said the singer. "I was born and bred a lady, and I know wheu to retire, but there's no reason why you should insult me this way by asking me to leave your parlor almost before I have finished my song. You are said to be a gentleman, sir, but your actions lead me to believe that you are not."

you are not."

Then she swept out of the room with tears running down her cheeks, and it took the host quite ten minutes to explain this

#### CITY NOTES.

P. Robert Klute participated in four concerts during April. Miss Ella McHale has started a singing class at East St.

Mrs. J. H. Lee has removed her studio of music to 3684 La-

Miss Julia B. Kroeger has a splendid and progressive class of piano pupils.

Mrs. Emilie Helmerichs is doing good work with her pupils in piano and voice.

George Enzinger's piano and organ pupils are making rapid progress under his careful teaching.

Paul Mori had a special programme for Easter service which included numbers for two cornets and two trombones.

Louis Hammerstein went around to see his friends on good Friday; for a wonder he had a day off.

Mrs. A. F. Newland whose studio is at 3300 Washington avenue, is one of the most careful and progressive teachers in the city.

Mrs. Louis A. Peebles is becoming widely sought after as a vocal teacher, and her splendid method of teaching as practiced by the well-known Mme. Petipas, is showing magnificient results.

#### LAURENT BRUN.

Among the well known and successful musicians of St. Louis is Laurent Brun, the Clarinetist. Mr. Brun was born in the year 1837 at Avignon, France. He began vocal lessons at twelve years of age and developed a good tenor voice. At the age of tweuty he went to the conservatory at Avignon, having previously taken up the study of the clarinet. The stage became the object of the young tenor's aim, but his parents deeming it a disgrace for their son to become an actor, he was obliged to bid adieu to his romautic hopes and turn all his attention to the clarinet which he played with great skill.

After spending nearly three years at the conservatory he went to Versailles where he joined a regiment as clarinetist, becoming second leader. He remained fifteen years in the regiment, going through the German war from which he still



bears a bullet mark on his hand. He was offered a position on a war ship at Nice, which he accepted and landed at Boston where he secured his discharge. Receiving a telegram from the Marine band at Washington offering him the position of clarinet soloist, he accepted it and remained at Washington over a year. He then took an eugagement with Clara Louise Kellogg for a season after which he came to St. Louis and was immediately offered a position at the Grand Opera House under Mr. A. Waldauer.

Since that time Mr. Brun has played with the greatest success in all the principal halls in the city. He is an artist of undoubted ability and his arrangement of popular concert numbers notably that of Carnival of Venice have always charmed the public,

As a teacher of his instrument, Mr. Brun has met with marked success. Many of his pupils are now successful teachers. Among them are Messrs. Pepin and Dominica Cavallo, the latter of whom is engaged at the Hagan Opera House, A number of his pupils come from a distance. He is also engaged at the Beethoven Conservatory. Mr. Brun is known as a very courteous and pleasant gentlemen.

#### CITY NOTES.

Charles H. Galloway has been quite in demand for coucerts. Louis Retter's latest work in composition is a series of Kindergarten pieces.

Miss Gertrude Lynn of West Olive street, sails for Europe on the 11th of May, where she intends pursuing her musical studies.

C. I. Wynne, the popular music dealer, has been busy answering congratulations upon the advent of a new son and heir.

G. Neubert, director of the Philharmonic concerts, Belleville, Illinois, is very successful both in concert work and piano teaching.

Mrs. Lucy B. Ralston's work with her pupils is most comprehensive and as a result they are well grounded in different branches of music.

Knaeble's Orchestra at the Hagan Opera House is giving very popular selections. It made a big hit with "La Mozelle" waitz by Mrs. B. McNair Ilgenfritz.

Miss Nellie Paulding and her pupils gave a piano recital at her residence, 3032 Easton avenue, on the 22d ult. A varied and carefully selected programme was well rendered.

Miss Clara Stubblefield is kept very busy with a large class of pupils and her position at the boarding school conducted by the Episcopalian sisterhood of the Good Shepherd.

Sev. Rob. Sauter, the well-known teacher of violin, is fitting pupils for the front rank in the profession. His work in the past is evidenced by many now among the foremost of our violinists.

Alfred G. Robyn shared in the honors achieved by Lilian Russell at the Grand Opera House, as his new ballad which Miss Russell sang was one of the features of her engagement there.

Mrs. Kate J. Brainard, who has usually spent her summers at her country home in Iowa, having recently sold it, will purchase a cottage in one of the pretty St. Louis suburban towns.

Robert Nelson the vocal teacher has enrolled among his pupils, Miss Katheryn Butler, daughter of Ed. Butler, and Sam Black, the basso. Miss Rebecca Levy, an alto pupil is meeting with much success.

Miss Cora J. Fish assisted by some of her pupils, and Mrs. A. Waite Perkins, Mr. Carl Haefner, vocalists and Mrs. E. S. Fish, pianist, gave a very successful concert at her residence, 4258 A St Ferdinand avenue.

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John C. Haines, the genial head of the firm of Oliver Ditson Company stopped over a day in St. Louis on his return trip from San Francisco where he spent some time in recreation.

The American Art Journal closes its twenty-ninth year of good work and celebrates the event with a special souvenir number of great interest. We congratulate the American Art Journal and its able editor, Mr. Wm. M. Thoms.

Paderewski has left us only to return. He will be in this country again next season for a series of sixty concerts under the management of Mr. C. F. Tretbar.

Shurtleff College gave a pupil's recital on the 21st ult. A good programme was presented. "Gondellied" piano solo by Louis Courath was excellently played by Miss Leila Cook. Mr. Wm. Armstrong is doing able work as his pupils evidence

Charlton Smith gave a piano recital at the residence of C. G. Phares at Oxford, Ind. The programme was prefaced by a biographical sketch of E. R. Kroeger, and included "Fantasia Polonaise" and "Look out upon the Stars" by the same com-

Mrs. E. D. Marsh's pupils gave their fourth annual concert at the Grand Opera House, Danville Ill. Features of the programme were the "Forest Bird Waltz" duct, by Carl Sidus, plaved by twelve hands, or four planos, and "Alpine Storm," C. Kunkel, played as a trio.

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Diseases,

Emil Liebling, the eminent Chicago pianist, gave one of his artistic and enjoyable concerts at Columbia, Mo., recently, and had the splendid assistance of the celebrated Kimball piano. We think St Louisans can enjoy a first-class piano recital and would like Mr. Liebling to bear this in mind the next time he crosses the border.

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He loved his horses, and his courtiers gay;
He loved all;royal sports that please a king,
But most he loved to hear his minstrel sing.

And so it happened that the fame had brought
Two rival singers to the caliph's court.
Who pleased him best, full well each minstrel knew,
Would be proclaimed the greater of the two.
So well they pleased him that they found him loath
To choose between them, for he loved them both.

"Let all the nation judge," at length said he;
"Who pleases best my people, pleases me.".
Through all the land the rival poets sung;
Their names and music were on every tongue,
Until at last they never reached a door,
Where fame had not sung all their songs before,

Ben Olaf sang of deeds the caliph wrought—
The riches and the splendors of his court—
The mighty warriers every uation boasts,
The armics vauquished by the prophet, hosts—
How Islam's valor was beloved, and feared;
And, when he finished, listening thousands cheered.

Mustapha's songs were all of simpler things;
Forgotten was the pride of carthly kings.
Hesang to them of home, and truth, and lovo—
How Allah watched his children from above,
Close to their hearts the poet's music crept;
And, when he fluished, all the people wept.

For though Ben Olaf charmed them with his arts, It was Mustapha's songs that reached their hearts, - James G. Burnett, in Harper's Magazine ..

#### THE EVILS OF FAVORITISM.

A thorough study of individual authors is indispensable, yet it may prove highly dangerous; for meu seidom possess comprehensiveness of judgment, indefatigability, and largeness of mind. Heuce, they are far too eager to be great in a confined sphere, and affect a vast importance for their own narrow views. And this is a mischief that exists, unfortunately to a large extent, in music. Handelians declino acquaintance with Mozart; the admirers of Mozart do likewise by Händel; followers of Bach ignore Marcello; and thus the foibles of each favorite come to be regarded as paragons, blind admiration being less troublesome than though tful criticism. Even style is not beyond the reach of this folly. It would be every bit as sensible to dispute on the respective beauties of crimson aud purple, or blue and green, as upon the question whether a love song is more beautiful thau a bravado one, or a soft plaintive air than a wild and vehemeut one. Nevertheless it always happens, after a miscellaneous performance, that instead of thanking God for providing them with all the forms of beauty, some folks worry themselves to death as to which piece, after all, when maturely considered and minutely examined, and probed to its depths, is strictly the best; and then perhaps are much injured if others see no point in their doggedness.—

Thibaut.

#### MISS CARRIE VOLLMAR.

Mi s Carrie Vollmar, the well known music teacher of the South End was born in St Louis She is the daughter of Mr.



out. Genius creates, while style is the art of correctly interpreting. Genius gives life, style gives form. The character of genius is invention, that of style to cleverly render.

Style consists in the art of choosing with good taste one's ideas, to give them with clearness, observing, however, their just proportions. Elegance, energy, strength, etc., etc., aro some of the qualities of style.

Inspiration is spontaneous; it is a flash of lightwing which sparkles out of genius, while the acquirement of the beauties of style takes long and careful culture. Style is clear, colored and brilliant, if the composer possesses an expansive imagination, great lucidity in the manner of formulating his idea. Ou the contrary it will become heavy and devold of color if the musical writer is not inventive and clever enough to prevent his ideas properly.

An elegant turn, a certain way of phrasing, gives a particular character to the works of masters who are in the habit of using them. It is like a familiar language; it is what we might call the manner, the style of the master.

If the style is more particular in the domain of creation, we will not deny the fine qualities of artists, who, while faithfully interpreting the works of masters show nevertheless their own individuality. The study of music, as well as all arts, may be governed by different methods. All celebrated composers and virtuosos afm to create a school by the style of their works.

Genius does not follow any guide, yet all masters, even the greatest, have begun by imitation before tracing a new ronte. The influence of the first teaching, the great examples of the chlefs of schools always direct the first tatempts of masters, which in their turn will create new forms.

To charm, to excite the emotions, to interest, such must be the alm of the composer and virtuoso. The charm in style depends on its natural simplicity, its elegance its grace in melody, its originality, its harmonlous proportions in the musical speech, and, above all, truth in expression and in

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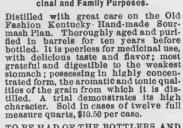
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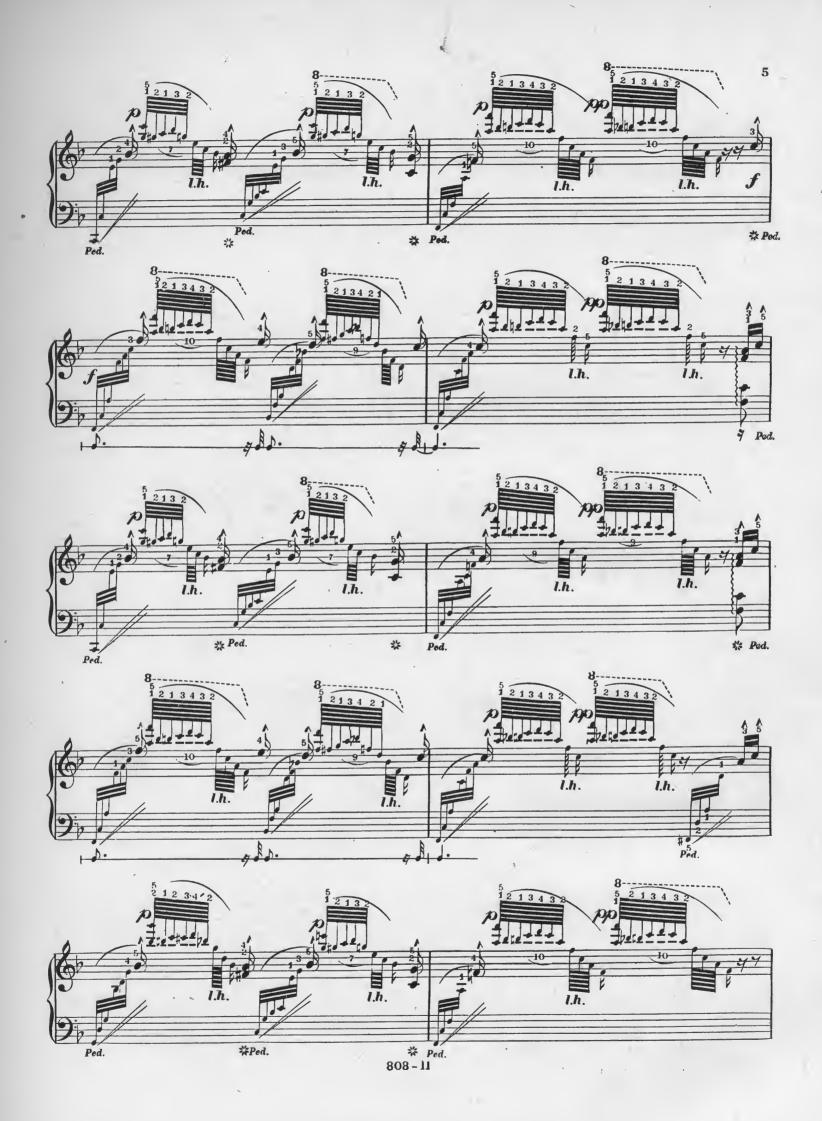
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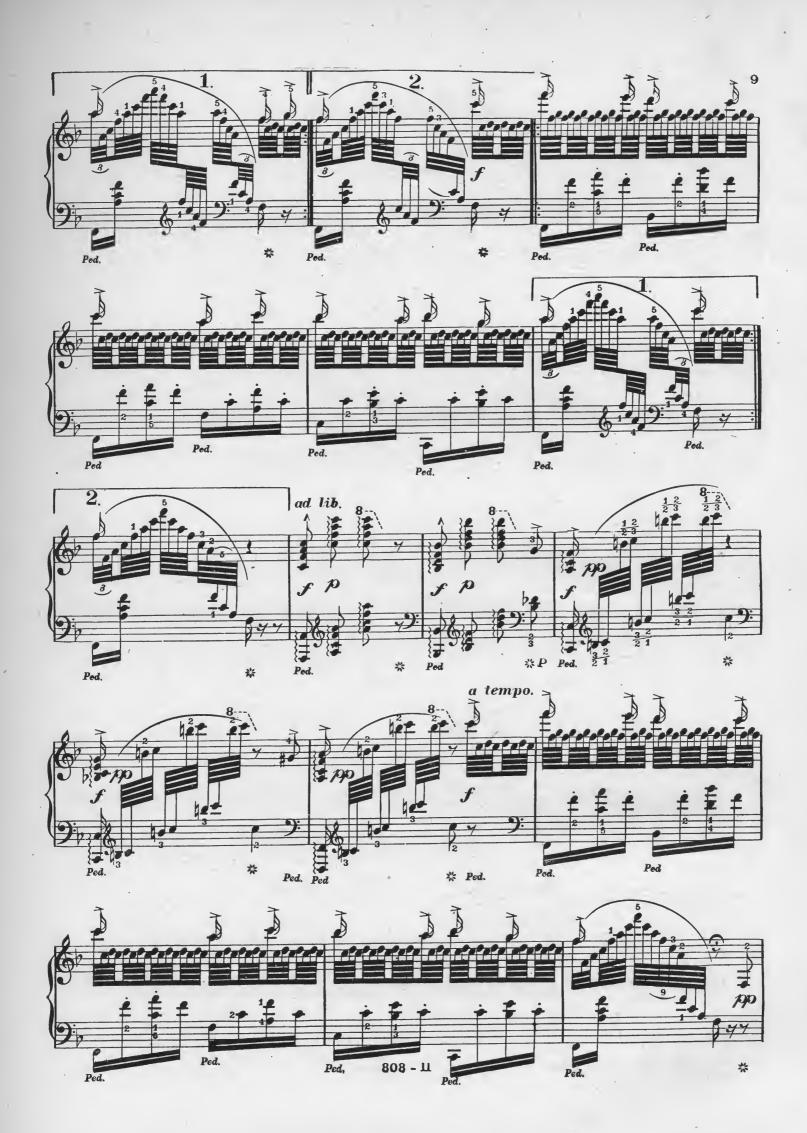


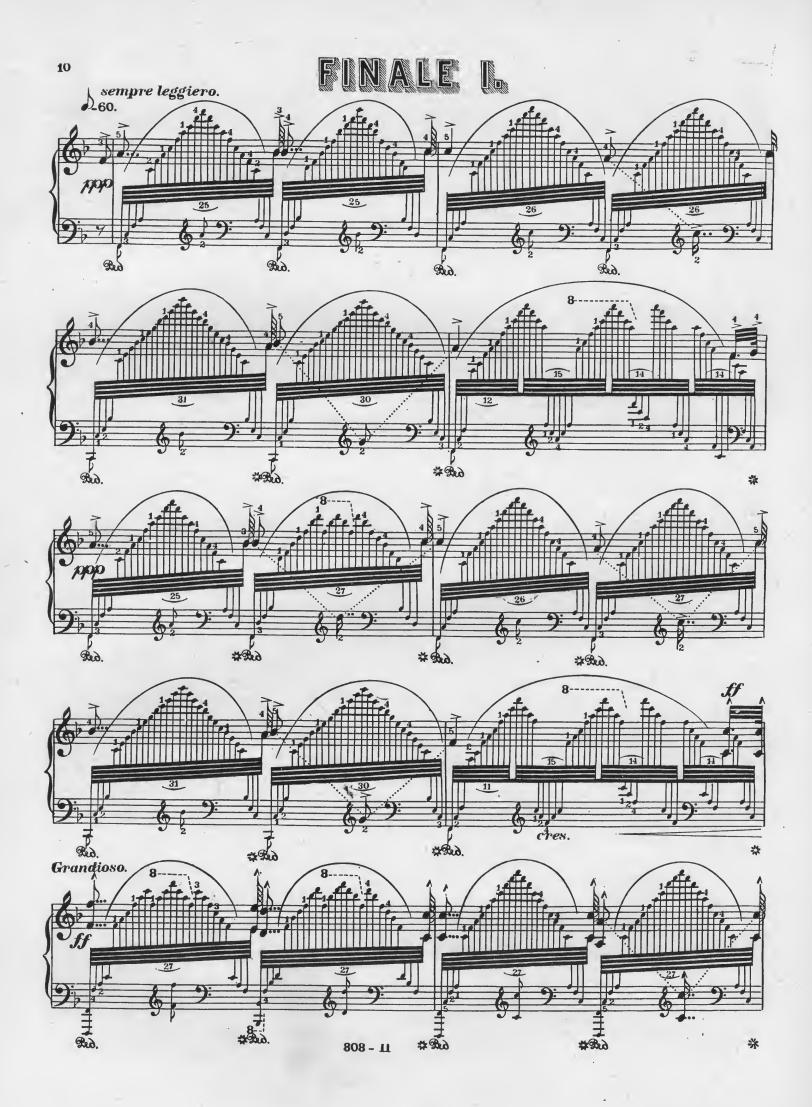
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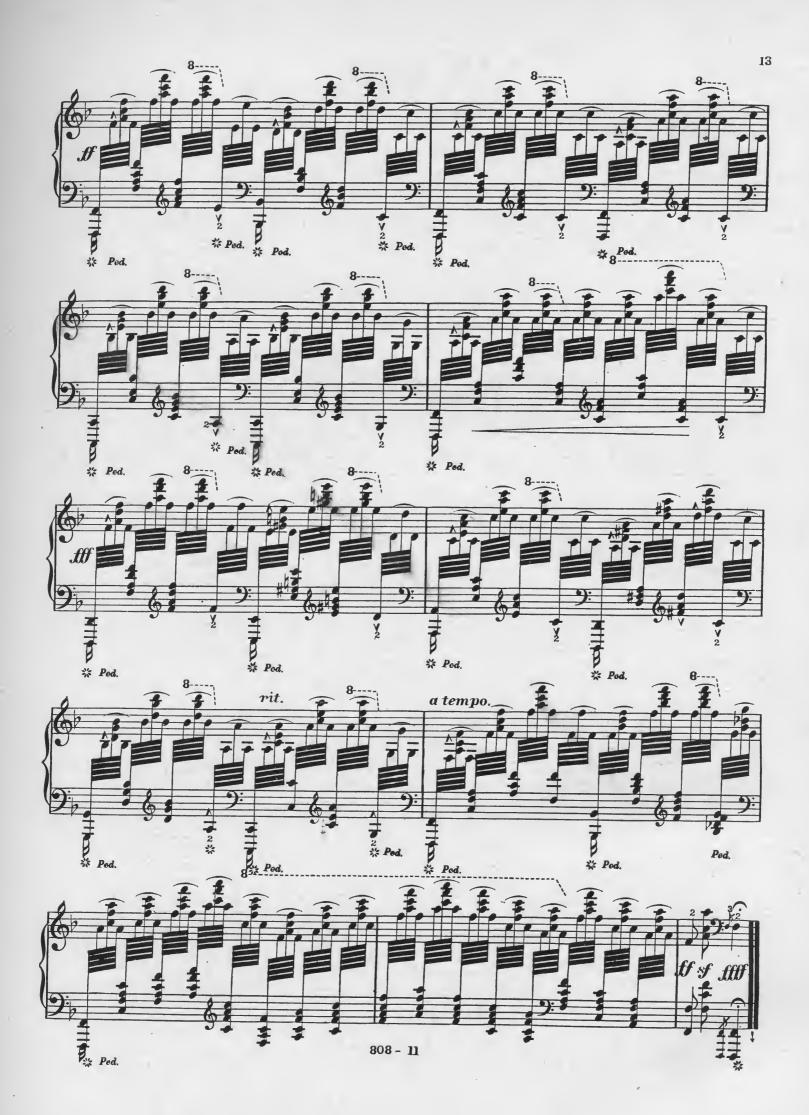






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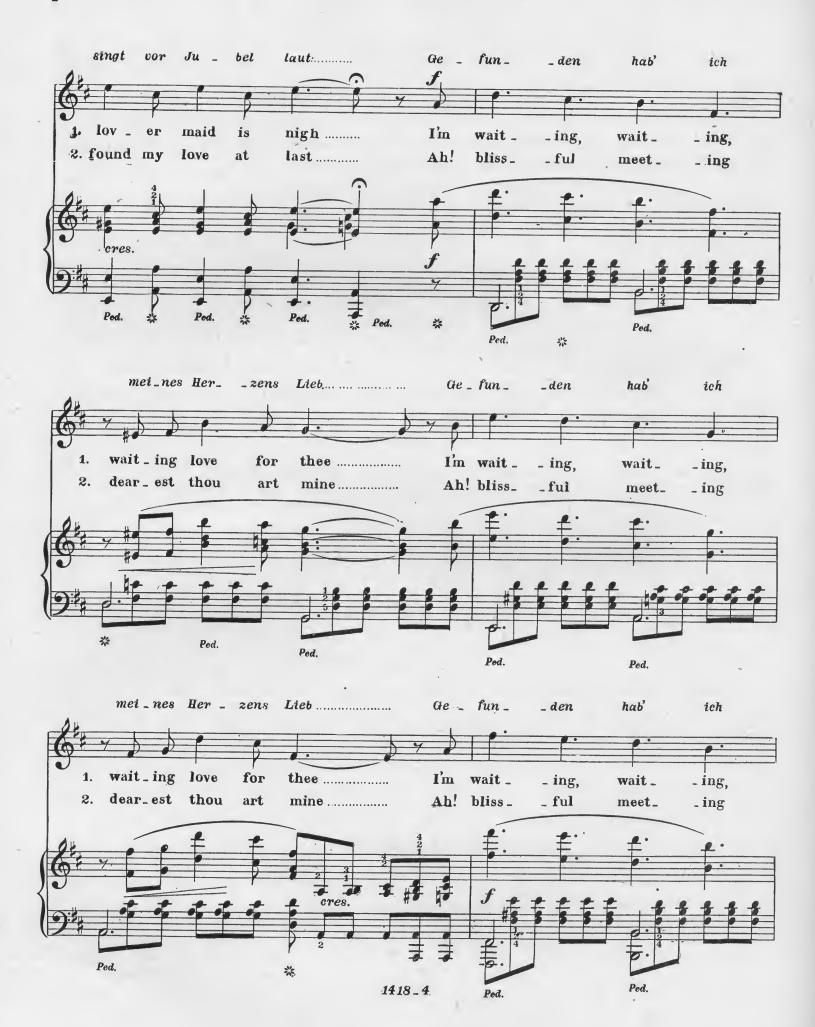
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(B) The part of the left hand, which is always of sufficient importance for separate study, demands here special and careful practice. Before playing in conjunction with the right hand, the requisite lightness and accuracy of the left hand part should be insured.



- (A) To play this study with elasticity and elegance, lightness of arm and wrist must be maintained throughout.
- (B) Do not mistake the groups of the right hand for triplets; the rest must receive only its value, that of a thirty-second and not of a sixteenth note.



- (C) Play this episode with a quiet hand; do not let the hand turn from side to side.
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"Woods Notes Wild" is the title of an interesting book on the music of birds by Simeon Peace Cheney. The author of "Wood Notes Wild," was a music teacher for many years, and, being an ardent lover of nature, devoted much time to the observation of the music of the birds in different parts of the United States. This observation convinced Mr. Cheney that all music in nature, animate and inanimate, is worthy of study and imitation, that it gives out charming tones, and forms pleasing melodic strains, using all the intervals of the major and minor scales, in perfection of intonation and finish of execution. The author supports this statement by giving the songs of many birds in musical notation on the staff. This very valuable book is published by Lee and Shepard, Boston, Mass.

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A Teacher's Concert was given at Lindenwood College Hall on the 8th ult., in which Misses Lizzie W. Blackman, Bessic C. Merz. Helen Chrysup, Agnes Gray and Mrs. M. L. Winfield participated. Among the numbers was a quartet "Viennesc Serenade" Gruenfeld arranged by the players, Miss Merz, piano, Miss Gray, first violin, Miss Stonebraker, second violin, Miss Blackman, cello.

Miss Nellie Strong gave a piano recital at her music studio, 603 N. Jefferson avenue, on the 26th ult., assisted by Mr. C. Humphrey. The recital was a success in every respect. Miss Strong's friends turned out "en masse" and were deservedly enthusiastic. The programme was as follows:

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'ignor Mascagni has just completed a new one-act opera, entitled "Zanctto," which he proposes shall be played in the same programme as the "Cavalleria Rusticana." The two words are totally different in style, and thus it is hoped they will supply the necessary element of contrast. "Zanetto," which is a purely lyrical opera, is based upon Coppéc's delicate little sketch, "Le Passant," which Mme. Sarah Bernhart has already made popular.

Beethoven has shown the depth of music, its majesty, its immortality; Mendelssohn its elegance of form; Handel its solemnity and grandeur; Mozartits wondrous grace and sweetness; Haydn its purity, freshness and simplicity; Schumann its romance; Chopin its poetry and tender melancholy; Schubertits richness of melody; Bach its massive foundations; Berlois its grotesqueness and supernaturalism; Liszt and Wagner its poetical idealism.—Upton.

A liberal act of courteous benevolent showing that Paderewski the oughly appreciates the effort of those who aided largely in making his tour a success, was in his disposition of the receipts, amounting to \$3,600 of his last concert in Brooklyn. This sum he divided between his efficient secretary, Mr. Gerlitz, and the traveling manager of his American tour, Mr. J. C. Fryer. To the tuner who has kept his piano in order he presented \$300, and gave \$300 to the men who moved the instrument at this notable concert.

The program of the Bayreuth festival this year has been announced. There will be twenty performances of Wagnerian music-dramas covering a period from Thursday, July 21, to Sunday, August 21. Of these "Parsifal," which begins and ends the season receives eight; "Tristan," four; "Tannhauser," four; and "Die Meistersinger," four. The Nieblungen triology is apparently left out in the cold this year.

"Parsifal" performances—July 21 and 28, August 1, 4, 8, 11, 15 and 21.

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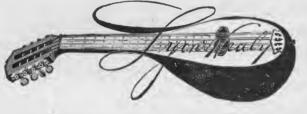
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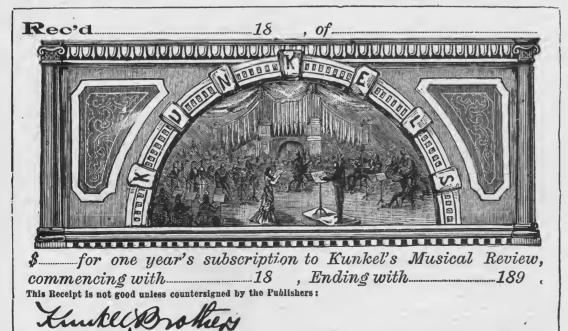
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